

New Orleans
July 12th 1861

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Sir

I enclose you a copy
of the ordinance of the Convention un-
der which, the State of Louisiana
took possession of, and is carrying
on, the operations of the Mint, thro'
its old officers, precisely as was
done, before secession, except that
every thing is now done, in the
name & by authority of the State.

The Bullion fund is
retained in the Mint, & used as
originally designed, & is not to be
diverted to any other purpose.

Yours Truly,
Wm. H. Snowden
Director Mint
Phila.

Very respectfully &
Truly - H. C. Brown

An Ordinance
Relative to Federal laws and Officers in the State of
Louisiana at the time of the passage of the Ordinance of
Secession.

Be it ordained by the People of Louisiana in Convention assembled, That all Federal Officers in the Civil Service of the United States and laws of the United States relating to said Federal Officers and their duties and Compensation within the State of Louisiana in Office and in force at the time of the passage of the Ordinance of Secession, and not incompatible therewith are hereby adopted and continued in Office and in force as officers and laws of this State.

Provided that this Ordinance shall not apply to the officers of the Judiciary, Postal or Land departments of the Government of the United States or the laws regulating the same.

Be it further ordained That the revenue Collection and Navigation laws of the United States, so far as they may be applicable be and they are hereby adopted as laws of this State during that no duties shall be collected on imports from the States forming the late Federal Union, known as the United States forming the late Federal Union, known as the United States of America or the territories thereof nor upon the tonnage of vessels owned in whole or in part by the Citizens of the said States and territories.

Be it further ordained. That the President of the Convention is hereby authorized to require of all Federal Officers residing in the Parish of Orleans the immediate recognition by them of the sole and exclusive authority of the State of Louisiana, and to administer to them the oath of office, and in case of refusal, to demand and take possession of all the property,

money, effects, papers and documents held by them in their official capacity, and the like authority is hereby conferred on the Governor as to all Federal Officers aforesaid in the State, and the Officers of such persons as refuse to hold the property money and effects in their Custody, subject to the disposal of the State, and to take the Oath of Office, are hereby declared vacant.

It is further ordained That the State of Louisiana doth hereby guarantee and indemnify all Federal Officers aforesaid within this State, who comply with the provisions of this Convention against all claims and demands of the United States arising out of such compliance.

It is further ordained That in case any Federal Office hereby adopted as a State Office be now or shall become vacant the Governor be and he is hereby authorized to fill the same in the same manner as the President of the United States or the head of any Department of the United States Government might have done prior to the passage of the ordinance of Secession. That the Governor shall have authority to remove any Officer now holding a Federal Office in this State if he shall consider the said removal conducive to the public interest.

Adopted in Convention in the City of New Orleans the Twenty-ninth day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred & Sixty One.

Signed A. McPherson
President of the Convention of the
State of Louisiana

Certified a true copy from the original
Francis Pickens
Chief Clerk.

